NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL DESPATCHES.

am informed, this evening, that some important pa-siciating to the confirmation of the last treaty with tico, have been recently obtained from the secret armas also expended through another agent in Mexico, for the same purpose. The names of some of the recipients re known, and they are now sait to be figuring in sup-ort of the repudiation of the three million drafts. More

THE SPEAKER—THE DEMOGRATIC CAUCUS—THE PRE-SIDENT AND THE NICARAGUA EMIGRANTS, ETC.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29, 1855.

No prospect whatever for an election of Speaker. New
Year's dissipation may effect something. The plurality
rule was not considered by the demogratic caucus last
night. The delay of action on the Deficiency bill is sericually embarrassing the a dministration.

The action of the President towards the Nicaragua emigrants is strongly demounced by all.

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General Easton, of Kansas, pronounces the letter purporting to have been addressed to him by Secretary Woodsen a base forgery. The letter, as published, requests Gen. E. to call out the Platte county rifes, but not to implicate Governor Shanson. No such letter was ever written or received. ever written or received.

Washington, Dec. 29, 1855.

It was rumored about the hall this morning that an election would certainly be had to-day, and that Banks would be the lucky man. The two votes that were relied on—Moore, of Ohio, and Wells, of Wisconsin—failed to

THIRTY-POURTH CONGRESS.

The vote on the sixth ballot stood:-

tr. Banks. 100 Mr. Richardson 08 fr. Fuller 50 Mr. Pennington 5 6at*ering 65 Mccessary for a choice, 165.

nat Mr. Banks had left the American party and joined se fusionists for the express purpose and design of re-

Mr. Orr, and carried by 10 majority

OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

Col. French did and to the Secretary of State a copy of his crecentials as Minister, and Mr. Marcy, without even granting him an interview, declined to receive either him or anybody else as Minister from the new government, at wit: that there had been no civil or popular recognition

regarded as a mere military neurostion.

As regards the contradictory statements of Col. French and Mr. Marcolets, the present Minister from Nicaragus, think that the latter named gentleman is generally be-

Court, a few days since, Mr. Attorney General Cashing Timproved the occasion to pay a glowing tribute to Mr.
Filimore, for the many proofs of his integrity and wisdom
which he had left behind him, locked up in the archives

disposition of Chief Justice Taney, and expresses the opinion that he will not resume his seat upon the bench of the Supreme Court. Already the question of his pro-bable successor is disussed. Mr. Attorney General Cush-ing is looked upon as most likely to receive the appoint-ment.

Affair of the Northern Light—Anxiety With Reyard to the Message—More Decelopments—Government Tractic to Patiliste the President's Humbers—Southern Felica; With Regard to Walker's Projects—George Law's Grand Theory of Government—America for the Americans, éc. The Senate has now barely a quorum, and should the House full to day in electing a Speaker, the Senate to all probability will adjourn over to Monday or Wednesday text. Even under the most favorable view of the case—an election of a Speaker—it is supposed, from the cause above mentioned, that the message will be withheld above mentioned, that the message will be withheld until after the commencement of the New Year. The excitement and interest in relation to this document are

that curlosity to get hold of it has been greatly increased by recent transactions in your city. The Nerthern Light affair will have rendered necessary a new chapter in this formidable paper, and the President's usual modesty will be made apparent in his call for fresh confidence and ap-

Reilure of Mr. Seward's Attempt to Bring Over the Twelfth and Elucidations-Banks's Chances Good Fet-The Kan

an Organization.

The great feature of to day's proceedings turned upon the resolutions offered by James L. Seward, of Georgia, which were in substance, that as the national Know woled for it. He believed the principles of that bill to be right, although there were some features in that bill that cid not meet his approval; but, in the main, it wa right. Clingman, of North Carolina, elucidated his postlon, as did Boyce, of South Carolina Extra Bidy Smith, of Virginia; Jones, of Tennessee; Mil-son, of Va.; Cadwallader, of Penn. The resciution was

in such humor woed, were ever members in such humor won?"

The President has sent to the Senate for confirmation the kapsas appointments. They were all referred to the proper committees. Gov. Shannon will experience some difficulty in passing the ordeal, as I am informed they intend to make a bard fight on him. I was informed by a senator who belongs to the democratic side, that it was extremely doubtful whether he would be confirmed. The Judges, who were all implicated, together with Governor Reeder, in the land specu ations in Kanaas, have been removed, with the exception of Isaacs. His letter to the President was more issolent and more hostile, and was cuched in stronger isaguage than either of the others, and yet he has not been removed! The others were removed because of their speculations in Kanaas isnds. Mr. Isaacs was equally implicated, but has been retailed. How will the administration explain this Montagomery was dismissed from the army by Jeff. Eavis, by order of the President, for alleged epeculations in ladi, and yet here is a man who is retained we do is equally implicated in the transaction. Another evidences of vasiliating and imbecile policy.

The House had three ballots which resulted similarly to the previous days. The Richardson men were requested to meet in the Hall this syening at 8 o'clock, when I

The Pecuniary Effects of the Non Election of a Speaker— Alarming Condition of Members—Washington Hard up— Amusements—Visiters, Lobbyers and Office Seekers Leav-ing—Paro Bucking—Theatericals—Our National Theatre Guidings—The Depot Nuisanes—The Weather (of course

—The Herald the Washington Organ of News.

Your correspondents tell you all about the Speakership in a political point of view, but you do not know of the awful panic it has created financially. While you are thinking about black republicans, Know Nothings and de mocrats; while you are contemplating the prospects of prairie chicken Richardson, the Banks of Cape Coddery and so forth, all Washington is up to its ears in debt, and thinking when the deuce it will get out. Members have no pey. Some even are deprived of their "basea," while it do actually believe there are not fifty members in the House who could change you an X if you were to tender it. Over two hundred thousand dollars would be here in extra circulation, if the Speaker was elected and the usu si extra efficiations voted. As it is, Washington is hard up.
Its dependence is retailing to members and visiters, and the storekeepers declare trade was
never as dull. Holiday presents hang fire and
pyrotechnics do not go off well, even during holidays; members bring just enough money to laud them here and wait for Congress to supply their every day wants Boarding bours and hotel keepers are in a dreadful plight to supply their tables. Many do not distress themselves much, however, on that head. A large num-ber of fero backs are in active operation, and are the only resort of the visiters, poor office seekers and done up members. What do you think of trenty-five faco

representative of the mast.

If Joshua R. was bought off from voting for Banks, he could be elected. His vote ruins all those whom it is cast for.

People are literally forn to please at the depot by black and white lackmen and hotel touters who wants job. Those who oppose the twenty-five cent omilious arrangements for steamers and railroads in Now York should come on here. Members complain of the nuisance, but as they anney others for joes with greater pertinacity than a Washington touter, they cannot stir in the matter—so grin and bear it.

If any one wants to know Washington news, he looks first in the Rinatzo for it. No one reads a Washington paper from choice.

The weather is cold, snow covers the frosen ground, and there are prospects of sleighing. Who's to induige in it, if the treasury don't diagorge?

NO ONE.

We have received in pumphlet form a copy of the me-merial addressed by the Messrs. Hargous Brothers, to the Department of State, on the subject of the deterred in-stalment of the treaty of Mesilla. This document enters other. In the present case, a number of American citizens entered fairly introcompetition in the open market of the world, with the merchants and capitallits of other nations, and is came the purchasers of what they deemed at a very low rate of prospective profit. The question be fore the United States government had in no way been complicated by their intervention, since the capitalists of France, England or Germany would have taken the sam

under that authori y.

With regard to the legal questions raised, the memory neither the delay in time of payment of the three miloriginal essence of the conveyance, and consequently did not render contingent the payment of the consideration money, but only postponed it. The three million ba-latice, therefore, constituted a subdisting debt from the United States to Mexico, which was assignable at will by Precident Santa Anna. The right of the Mexican govern-ment to dispose of this deferred instalment, it contends is plain as its right to receive the first, or to make the treaty itself. The bills given for it, and which were made payable at the proper time, or, in other words, "whenever the new boundary line should be surveyed, at value by their present holders; by them they were in mediately presented to t o government of the United States, the payee named, which declined acceptance in advance, not upon the ground that there was no debi departments to endorse acceptances pavable at a future peried. The bills were therefore withdrawn until the precedent formality required by the treaty should be

Mexican law and usage been compiled with, but that theicase is in substantial conformity with the precedents of their own government. Every formality required by their own government. Every formally required by american law had been fulfilled and the right to purchase in open market a close in action, or an unmatured debt et a soversign nation, had been fully established by the government of the United States itself, when it purchased an instalment not yet due of the debt created by the acquisition of California, and secured by the treaty of nadalupe Hidalgo. This debt was expressly made pay able to the de facto government of Mexico, and was put chased, in the instance referred to, from an assignes of that government. Under those circumstances, the meof the drafts drawn by Mexico against the deferred in-stalment of the Mexilla balance, the United States will be in possession of vouchers impregnable against any further claims on the subject.

United States District Attorney's Office. E NORTHERN LIGHT APPAIR—LETTER PRON THE COLLECTOR.

COLLECTOR.

CUSTON HOUSE, NEW YORK,)

COLLECTOR, S. OFFICE, 1886. 29, 1866.)

DER Size-Your letter of the -- instant, informing ment the arrest of Geo. B. Hall, Addison Farnsworth and set of Congress of 1818 was received during my absence sees referred to in the revenus service have been dis-pensed with. Hall has resigned, Farmworth has been any ended and Creighten removed. Yours very truly, HEMAN J. PEDFIELD, Gaisenor. To the Hem. John McKnow, &c., &c.

HEMAN J. DELPHEAD, Collector.

To the Hon John McKros, &c., &c.

LETTER OF UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO COL. FRENCH, MISHISTER OF NICARAGUE.

The United States Listrict Attorney has addressed a long and plusart letter to Colonel Franch, touching his position in this ecuatry and 15 compilety in the lithestering expedition. Mr. McKeen gives the Nicaraguan picnipotentary sunday significant hints, and suggests to him the propriety of internang from whence he came and thus encluder—

"The countriesy expected to you is that of going to Washington and of reducing to the foreign country from which on the hope that no further compilint will be a first on the compiler will be a first of grainst you, and in tendering to you my head to your earl country, I refer to the country. I refer to the country in the country of grainst you, and in tendering to you my head to your earl country. I refer to the country of the country.

ARRIVAL OF THE STAR OF THE WEST.

Just del Norte on the 20th of December and Key West on the eight of the 24th, with 260 passengers and \$557, 670 in treasure, to Charles Morgan, Esq., arrive yester-day afternoon.

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By this arrival is brought the first shipment of the sugar gold, the produce of mines owned and wrough by Americans, and smong the passengers are two gentle I ng experienced in mixing operations, and possessod of ample capital, who come here expressly for the purpose of torthwith providing suitable it achinery for the full do-

ing in rather unnecessarily numerous, has drafted a bat-tation to the support of his ally, the President of Gonduto its shores, and a slike indicative of the genius of its

sir pump piston rods. Being however, provided with a hast order, and equal to any emergency which may befall

THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

landed at Perth, Amboy, New Jersey-Mis Father Made Coats for the Pinymates of

Mayor's office, this being the time set apars for the trial of George W. Matsell, the Chief of Posloe, upon the charge of usurping public office, he being an alien, and unnaturalized. The hour fixed upon for the trial was 5% o'clock, P. M.; but long before this hour the office of the Meyor was crowded with policemen, witnesses and well pleased with the prospect before him. The Chief, together with his counse, Mr. James T. Brady, was was ented at a table spread with pens, lok and paper, and expectice them sat Mesars. E. W. Stoughton and W. C. Neyes, the counse for the prosecution. At precisely \$1/4,0'cl-ck his Honor the Mayor, and he order i mith, took their seats behind a small deak, when ort that all were ready for progress.

The HERCHDER—The case aga not George W. Matsell is

Mr. Japen T. Epstyr-Well, sir, we are ready.
Mr. Novys-I wish to state a deute which exists in my
mind and that of my collesgue, in regard to the consilutionality of the Court, there being here only two mem hers, instead of three.

PERCEPTER—) his question has been before us before, and

we have decided, as we shall decide now, that the Court is

may know upon what ground the defence is pinced, whether a natural born of izen of the United States, or an

Mr. Enapy-Whem do you represent, Mr. Noyes? Alderman Briggs in Chalemay.

tions of the prosecution were monflicient, if I-had chosen do. The charge here is non-citizen-hip and the specifica

close do not come up to the charge. At some future time it will be proper to rake the question whether this court has the cover to decide this case.

Mr. NORRE—We shall make out this case alone up on spal syldence. It is be true that Mr. Mataelf fills his place, without the proper qualifications, it is a greaterme, and he shall be properly field for it. He violates the constitution and every step he takes in the course of his duty as a usurpation, what we desire as that the court with a view to know the hand, that cell upon the court with a view to know the hand, that cell upon the court with a view to know the hand, that cell upon the court with a view to know the hand, that cell upon the court with a view to know to the late that cell upon the court with a view to know or whether he is a natural own citizen the latest contact the specific of the contact of the investigation should be due to make up the court of the charted the Mr. Brabs—If it is the object of the guardence to make up five a worther manner, he of course has the path to make the first reply according to all contentions?

Licentitie—When this question was raised before me and my assective some time may we came to the content in that the charge was a pay of the we have adverted a per its determine to an earlier than the charge of the elimination of the similar planets that guide its described to plane his handly upon his tink. It he may be not the effect to the time of this has anothered to plane his chosen to the time of the handle planets to plane the described made in the large and the planets and then pen are unfletted to plane the elimination of the large and the planets are the produced that the large the time.

Mr. G. A. Harmonder—This punchases being event, the first death of the punchases being event, the large lived there five years and a magnetic and builder, I knew life. Waterit when he was a long six or every years ofe, I are a large the Ambey. N. J. I hak also it before a first a large the described and in the rail from he made to be a large of Materia cone in there and a lengthy of Materia came that the form he made the first was the table and the original form the facility of made there for some meanths, the facility complete of Mr. George Materia. The large actions made a caller. The large actions made and the original form the described was defined the only a first call the more than a part of the large transmitted there for more than the produced with an explicit instructs with the polys for helphy made demants on the four temp that even the four or the new was a first or the large was a first or the time to what he were the stay of the leafly a no where they can be presented with an of the temp of an own the contract from the whole and they can be over the temp of the was the origin of the leafly a no where they are the part of the temp of the temp of the contract from the part of the contract from the part of the contract from the contract from the part of the s

in ther or mother say where they came from; in my judgment I considered the family English people, and they were so considered by every one she; the youngest of the children was named Augustus; an older one was tanced William; I cannot remember the names of any more of the children; as near as I can judge the present Chief of Police is the same person! saw as key at Perth Ambey; I have no doubt he is the same person. Cross-examined by Mr. Brany—I was born at Terth Ambey; I am quite certain shout my age; I will be 50 on the 25th of next May; I can't teell whether the Bateshb lanced in 1816 or 1817; I can't decide upon these years or say which was the year; I can't say it was not 1818 when I first is we that family; the only circumstance by which I can fix this date, is that R was two years after the war, or about these time; the mily; the only circumstance by which I can fix this date, is that R was two years after the war, or about these time; can't say that I saw any one of this family come from a ship; I can't say what hind of n boat they come in; I can't say that I saw any neember of these family; I think the season of the year was annown; can't tell whether it was before or after the attheword of the family; I think the landord was Joseph M with; I think he iv dead; the busies is standing yea, I believe: I think it his landord was Joseph M with; I think he iv dead; the busies is standing yea, I believe: I think the shaping it were; the clear Mr. Matsil was a stout man, but not as tar't or stout Mr. Matsil was a stout man, but not as tar't or stout Mr.

ing; there is no record of my age in my family; Inever select any case in my family whan I was born I don't recellect it; I never hear it said in my family what year I was born it; I cen't know that I ever did, (laugher); I know the Mattelf fundly as long as I have Ilred; I renember the year 18:0, and the yellow fever in 18:21; in that year; 18:0, and the yellow fever in 18:21; in that year; Illed fact door to the Mattell in Broadway; I made two affidarits; I went to G. W. Whester o have them taken; I went at the request of Mr. Steathen H. Hisnet; I don't recollect having stated any date in the stiffed within which Mr. Mattell lived in Broadway; for was a short, stout man, he shuffled along as tailors or have the family; Mary was the next; fluxes of see her; they great and there was a good deal of difference between their gee; I don't know how old; was at the yellow fever time. Googs Mattell was tailor than me, perlays shead; but I sever measured with him; I taked 41th him often; the family moved out of that house into another one farther down, the people complained of it, ong it fail they lived in that those exteral years, and them moved out of it, after the family moved out of that house into another one farther down, the people complained of it, ong it fail they lived in that those exteral years, and lean moved out of it, after which they moved into it gen; I have not rean Googs before for seven years nee face the day, he went to sea when he was loy, and when he first went to can, and when he came home a galle; he went to have in its mill be a second of the family being its condition. I have been have galle; he went to live in the went is liked at the lime go to rea again; he went to live in the lime of to reason and the family being its liked at liked and the little beys and girls or you. I have been he have galle; he went to live in the little mobile; I will be not seen the little mobile; I was been a will be a proved the councel to conduct the case.

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Specially Propared from the Piles of the Re-

I.—Hen. William Rufus Futnam, at Marietta, Ohne, aged eighty-three years and twenty-see days. Mr. Putnam was been in Rutland, Masseshuselle, and received a finished education from the colebrated Br. Dwight. His fisher, General Rufus Futnam, threuperfutendent of the Ohio Land Company, and also Bearways General of the United States, landed, atong with the other ploneers of Ohio, at Marietta, on the 7th of April, 1778, and thee mod ritle first permanent reftiement is what was an unbrokes wilderness, from the month of the Musburgum to that of the Missouri—from that of the Cho in the press reservoirs of the St. Lawrencer. In 1700; William R. Putnervoirs of the St. Lawrencer.

2.—Hon. Frilips Molina, Minister from the republics of Corta Ries. Gusternals, and San Salvador to the United States, at Washington, D. C., aged 48 years. He was born in the cuty of Gustenals in 1812, and asquired his early education in Philadelphia. He halt several political of flows in his native country, having term chief clerk of the